

be kept away from his passion for long, and returned to coach at Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School in 2000. Marvin Neals has already recorded three Class 3 championships with Cardinal Ritter.

On January 25, 2012, Marvin Neals reached a coaching milestone winning his 600th game. Marvin Neals was praised by his current and former players after the momentous win. The players spoke of his great influence and impact he has had on their lives. Marvin Neals wants to keep coaching the game he loves as long as possible, with no thoughts of slowing down in the future.

Mr. Speaker, Marvin Neals has dedicated his life to bettering the lives of the young men and women of St. Louis. His commitment can be recognized by the admiration of his colleagues, present and former players and students, and the remarkable feat of 600 career wins. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring his remarkable service to the United States, the State of Missouri, and the St. Louis community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, 1995, when the last attempt at a balanced budget amendment passed the House by a bipartisan vote of 300–132, the national debt was \$4,801,405,175,294.28.

Today, it is \$15,351,406,294,640.49. We've added \$10,550,001,119,346.21 to our debt in 16 years. This is \$10 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER ROCHESTER AREA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ELDERLY

HON. ANN MARIE BUERKLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Ms. BUERKLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 20th anniversary of the Greater Rochester Area Partnership for the Elderly (GRAPE).

GRAPE works to provide networking, education, and advocacy on behalf of the elderly population and has been very successful. Today, GRAPE has 300 members from over 200 agencies and organizations throughout the greater Rochester area.

GRAPE is a non-profit organization that consists of professionals, students, and volunteers; citizens who are dedicated to caring for our elderly population. The group has not only personally assisted those in need, but has also produced a landmark health care publication: the Professionals Guide to Elder Services. This guide is the most current, accurate, and up-to-date listing of elder services in the greater Rochester area and has been of great assistance to healthcare professionals throughout upstate New York.

I thank everyone involved with the Greater Rochester Area Partnership of the Elderly for their committed service to the elderly community. GRAPE's success is due to their efforts and I applaud their dedication.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE NORTH MAUI COASTAL PRESERVATION ACT OF 2012

HON. MAZIE K. HIRONO

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the North Maui Coastal Preservation Act of 2012, a bill directing the National Park Service to study the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands along the northern coast of Maui, between Sprecklesville and Paia, as a unit of the National Park System. I have previously introduced this bill in the 110th and 111th Congresses.

The citizens of Maui strongly support preservation of this coast, which provides important open space and public beach areas.

The beautiful coastline of North Maui is under significant development pressure. Its closeness to major population centers in Maui and its popularity with both visitors and residents makes protecting access a major priority.

Supporters of this park have asked that it be named after Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink, a native of Maui who grew up in the Hamakua Poko/Paia area. While this bill, which authorizes a study, does not direct what the prospective national park would be named, I would certainly support naming it after Patsy Mink, whose commitment to the people of the island and state was without question.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

RECOGNIZING GREG STRADER FOR RECEIVING THE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE AWARD

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I rise today to recognize Greg Strader, founder of Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE).

We have been reminded frequently that the threat of natural disasters is always imminent, and vigilance is crucial. Greg Strader has devoted his career to natural disaster emergency preparedness. In serving with the American Red Cross for more than 32 years, he has responded to natural disasters in various capacities; whether it is hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires, or plane crashes, Mr. Strader has always been willing to give of himself to assist others.

Following the devastation to the Gulf Coast caused by Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis, Mr. Strader saw a need for improved disaster response. His experience led him to found BRACE, whose mission is to minimize loss of life, injury, property damage, environmental impact, and economic damage caused by nat-

ural disasters. BRACE's response to the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill cleanup is an excellent example of the organization's invaluable contribution. In less than 36 hours, Mr. Strader assembled more than 1,900 volunteers who contributed over ten thousand volunteer hours in efforts to minimize the disaster's adverse impact.

I commend Greg Strader and BRACE for their efforts in making the northwest Florida community safer, stronger, and better prepared to expeditiously address the devastation of natural disasters and congratulate them on receiving the Presidential "Champions of Change Award." My wife Vicki and I wish Mr. Strader, the staff of BRACE, and their families all the best for continued success.

CONGRATULATING DR. MILDRED GARCIA ON HER RECENT APPOINTMENT AS PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 3, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Mildred Garcia, President of California State University, Dominguez Hills, who was recently named the new president of California State University, Fullerton by the California State University Board of Trustees.

California State University, Dominguez Hills—located in my congressional district—has benefitted greatly from Dr. Garcia's leadership. Dr. Garcia is the first Latina to ever hold the title of president at a university in the CSU system, and her track record of success at CSU Dominguez Hills offers a shining example to university presidents across the nation. Her hard work and commitment to public education has helped to raise the status of the university in our community and across the state of California.

Dr. Garcia, the daughter of Puerto Rican immigrants, grew up of humble means in Brooklyn, New York. The second youngest of seven children, Dr. Garcia worked as a secretary to put herself through college and understood that the key to opportunity and success is a good education. After receiving two masters degrees from NYU and Columbia, Dr. Garcia went on to obtain her Ed.D. from Columbia University, Teachers College.

Before coming to CSU Dominguez Hills, Dr. Garcia taught at Arizona State University and spent ten years as the president of Berkeley College in New York. Over the past four and a half years, Dr. Garcia has worked diligently to elevate the status of CSU Dominguez Hills. When she began her tenure at Dominguez Hills, the university was struggling to meet enrollment targets and had an incoming freshman class with an average high school GPA below 3.0.

Dr. Garcia has been able to raise enrollment levels to a record high of 15,000 students. In 2010–11 CSU Dominguez Hills received 27,036 student applications, an increase of 62 percent compared to 2006–07. CSU Dominguez Hills is also enjoying higher retention and graduation rates, and is becoming a more popular option for students just graduating from high school. Dr. Garcia has also